

REPRESENTATION

Unto His Grace His MAJESTIES High COMMISSIONER and
the Right Honourable the Estates of PARLIAMENT; anent the
Publishing the Ancient and Present State of SCOTLAND, by
Captain John Slezer.



THE Captain having humbly represented to the last Session of Parliament, the Progress he had made at his own Charges, in finishing the *Ancient and present State of Scotland*; His Petition was remitted to the Committee of Trade, to consider the same, and to report their Opinion thereanent to the Parliament, accordingly the said Committee after exact Tryal of the Expenses, they found the same could not be compleated unless it cost Twelve hundred Pound *Sterling* at least: Therefore it was their Opinion, that a Weekly Cess should be laid on for effectuating so noble a Design (as the Committee was pleased to term it) which appears by the said Report.

The Parliament considering how much the finishing this Design would tend to the Advantage, Honour and Reputation of this Nation; in stead of laying on a Weekly Cess as was proposed by the Committee of Trade: They were pleased to joyn Mr. *Adair* and Captain *Slezer* in the late Act of Tunnadge upon Scots and Foreign Ships, which Fond was to be employed conform to the Tenor of the Act of Parliament, for compleating the Designs therein mentioned, and by the foresaid Act of Parliament, Captain *Slezer* is not only to have his Charges allowed him to finish the said Work, but likewise to be reimbursed of his former Charges thereanent.

Captain *Slezer* having made application to the Lords of his Majesties Privy Council, Representing to their Lordships, that in relation to the foresaid Work, he had already disbursed one thousand and sixty two Pound *Sterling*, conform to a particular Account, and Instructions therewith given to their Lordships: And which is over and above what will be requisite for the further carrying on and finishing the Work.

The saids Lords upon the fourth of September instant 1696, having considered Captain *Slezer's* Petition, and likewise another given in by Mr. *Adair*, they were pleased to Nominate and Appoint the Duke of *Queensberry* Lord Privy Seal, the Earl of *Tullibardine* Principal Secretary of State, the Earls of *Argyle*, *Lauderdale*, *Lathian* and *Leven*, Lord *Yester*, Lord *John Hamilton*, Lord *Ruthven*, Sir *James Ogilvie* Principal Secretary of State, all my Lord Justice-Clerk, Mr. *Francis Montgomery*, Sir *John Maxwell*, the Laird of *Blackbarrony*, the Laird of *Balhouse*, and Sir *Robert Christy* present Lord Provost of *Edinburgh*, to be a Committee to consider both the said Petitions, and what Expenses each of the said Work will amount to, and how much thereof is payed, and how much yet resting, and how much of the Fond appointed by Act of Parliament is yet Collected.

And whereas Captain *Slezer* hath never medled with any part of this Imposition for carrying on the said Work or for re-imbursement of his former Charges, for Reasons given in to the Lords of his Majesties Privy Council: Therefore he humbly Represents his Condition to his Majesties High-Commissioner, and the Honourable Estates of the High-Court of Parliament, humbly Intreating them to Consider the same, and that he hath bestowed any little Fortune of

ACCOUNT

Of the Progress Captain Slezer hath made in the Description of the Ancient and Present State of SCOTLAND, and the Prospects relating thereto.



THe said Captain, not only before, but also since the Act of Parliament in his favours, hath made considerable Advances in this Work ; And by the Advice and Assistance of Knowing and Judicious Persons, hath brought the Matter such length, so as the First Volume may be ready for the Press within a few Months, and which is to be divided in Two Parts, and will Contain the Descriptions and Prospects in the *INDEX* following,

I N D E X

the Descriptions contained in the first Part of the first Volume of the Ancient and Present State of SCOTLAND.

Chapter 1. Of *Brittain* in general. Chap. 2. Of *Scotland* in general. Chap. 3. Of the two famous Walls built by the *Roman* Emperors, *Adrian* and *Severus*. Chap. 4. Of the *Picts*. Chap. 5. Of the *Scots*. Chap. 6. An Abbridgement of the Lives and Reigns of the Kings of *Scotland* from *Fergus* the first, the Founder of the *Scots* Monarchy, to King *James* the sixth his Accession to the Crown of *England*, with many remarkable Passages not Published before. Chap. 7. Of the Precedency due to this ancient Race of Kings. Chap. 8. Of the Injury lately done to the Antiquity of this Royal Line. Chap. 9. Of the Mistake and Partiality of those who pretend that the Crown of *Scotland* was ever Feudatory to *England*, and did Homage to their Kings on that account.

I N D E X

Of the second Part of the Descriptions contained in the first Volume.

Chapter 1. A short Geographical Description of *Scotland*. Chap. 2. Of the Parliament, of the Members thereof, and Electing Commissioners for Shires and Burghs-Royal, the way of Riding to the Parliament, of the Commissioner, of the Committees of Parliament, and of the Power and Procedure in Parliament. Chap. 3. Of the Convention of Estates, the Members and Procedure. Chap. 4. Of the Privy Council and Officers of State. Chap. 5. Of the Thesaurry & Exchequer. Chap. 6. Of the Session and Colledge of Justice, and Institution thereof, of the Extraordinary and Ordinary Senators, of the Advocats, Clerks and Writers, of the Outter and Inner-House, and manner of proceeding there, and of the great Advantage of keeping of Registers. Chap. 7. Of the Justiciary-Court, commonly called the *Criminal-Court*; As also of the Justice-General, Commissioners of the Justiciary and Affizes. Chap. 8. Of the High Court of Admiralty. Chap. 9. Of the Constable or *Errol's Court*. Chap. 10. Of the Commissary-Court. Chap. 11. Of Inferior Courts, such as Sheriff-Court, Courts of Regality, Stewartrie, Baillie and Baron-Courts, and Justices of Peace. Chap. 12. Of Universities and Hospitals. Chap. 13. Of the Monasteries, Abbays, Convents, and other Religious Houses of *Scotland*, which were dissolved at the Reformation. Chap. 14. Of the Mint, and different Coins. Chap. 15. Of the Act of Parliament Captain Slezer has made a considerable Progress in the said Act of Parliament, and hath made the same from the above-mentioned Committee, especially being upon the Revision of Parliament, and humbly begs, that nothing may pass in his Prejudice, till his own, on a Design which had the Honour to meet with so much Approbation.

presented by the Royal Solemnity at the Baptism of *HENRY* Prince of Scotland, Son of King *JAMES* the Sixth, and by that splendid Funeral of the late Duke of *Roths*, and others.

I N D E X

Of the Prospects which are to be Inserted in this first Volumn of the Ancient and Present State of Scotland.

1. **T**he Prospects of His Majesties Castles and Palaces, such as the Palaces of *Holy-rood-house* and *Falkland*, the Castles of *Edinburgh*, *Stirling*, *Dumbarton*, and *Blackness*, together with their Ground-draughts. 2. The In-side of the *Abbey-Church* or Chappel of *Holy-rood-house* in Perspective, together with the Stalls for the Knights of the Thistle. 3. The Robe, Cape, Collars, and other Badges of Honour belonging to the said Order. 4. The Prospect of the Principal Towns and Royal Burghs of Scotland. 5. The Perspectives of the Universities and Hospitals. 6. The Coats of Arms of all the Nobility of Scotland, with their Supporters, Mantlings, Crests and Motto's, most neatly and curiously Engraven on 24 large Copper Plates. 7. The Prospects and Ruins of the most considerable Monastries and Abbeys of Scotland. 8. The Solemnity of Prince *Henries* Baptism, the Funeral of the late Duke of *Roths*, and the Cavalcade or Solemnity of Riding of the Parliament: All curiously Ingraven, and each of these Processions represented on two Sheets of Royal Paper.

O F T H E S E C O N D V O L U M N :

It will contain the Prospects, and the different Stories, together with the General Ground-Plots of the most considerable Houses belonging to the Nobility and Gentry of the Kingdom, with a short Description of each Place, and the Proprietars Coats of Arms: And if a Nobleman or Gentleman please to give in to the Author the Genealogies of his Family and Branches, the same shall be Engraven and Added, after the *English* and *French* way, which is hoped will be very acceptable to the Publick.

Captain *Slezer* hath also made a considerable Progress in the Prospects designed for this second Volumn, there being already severals of them Engraven, and others Drawn, and ready to be Ingraven, as appears by the following List.

I N D E X.

Of Houses which are already Ingraven.

THE House of *Dunkeld*, the Frontis-Piece and the South-side, together with the first and second Stories of *Thirlestane* Castle, the House of *Dalkeith*, *Castle-Gordon*, the House of *Culross*, the *Weems*, *Glams*, *Dennottar*, the Frontis-piece and South-side of, together with the first and second Stories of *Hutton*: Besides the Prospects in the Authors *Theatrum Scoticum*.

I N D E X

Of Houses which are Drawn, and ly ready to be Engraven.

THE new Frontis-piece of the Palace of *Hamiltoun*, the Intended Front toward the Garden, the first and second Stories with the whole Ground-Plot, of the said Palace. Item The Pallace of *Drumlanarige*, the first and second Stories, together with the General Ground-Plot of the said Palace. Item The House of *Kinross*, in perspective, all the different Stories of it, together with the General Ground-Plot of the said House, representing the Garden, Office-Houses, and other Conveniences of it. Item The House of *Seaton*, Two Prospects of *Pinkie*, The Prospect of *New-Bottle*, The Houses of *Tornhill* and *Castle Stuart*, The House of *Blacader*, The House of my Lord *Reith* in *Fyfe* The House of *Livingston*. The House of *Falcaskie*, with its Respective, Stories, and General Ground-Plot, The House of *Strabogie*, The House of *Barntoun*, The House of *Stirling*, The House of *Priestfield*, The House of *Laureston*.

There is to be added to this Second Column, severall other Prospects of the most Considerable Buildings, belonging to Noblemen, and Gentlemen through the whole Kingdom, some whereof are drawing at present.